

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Enlarging The Urban Council

THE contention that the numerical strength of the Urban Council is below requirements for the additional work and new responsibilities which councillors have to shoulder has for some time past been widely accepted. There is, therefore, no reason why Government should not accept and implement the terms of the motion unanimously adopted yesterday for enlargement of the Council by a further two nominated and four elected members.

The Urban Council is gradually assuming the functions of a municipal council. Its work grows in importance and it is essential this should be entrusted to a sufficient number of men devoted to public service. If this is accepted as a basic principle, and it can be shown that the existing Council is too small for handling the public affairs delegated to its care, it follows there can be no objection to its enlargement.

Yesterday the elected members supported the motion but disagreed with the formula. Most people, however, will feel that Col Clague has evolved a neat and accepted compromise. The balance of eight nominated and eight elected members is at this time a reasonable one. The Urban Council is not a political chamber, all members owing an equal duty to the general interests of the public which they serve. For the present, at any rate, this is the sort of Urban Council composition best calculated to function effectively.

Not as part of his motion, but in the course of his speech, Col Clague threw out the suggestion of applying the ward system for the election of members. It merits official consideration. The existing elected members object to it at the moment because of the restricted franchise now in effect, yet there are scores of boroughs in England with a voting population equivalent to the enfranchised in Hongkong where the ward system for electing councillors obtains. Carefully applied here it is a system which might encourage more voters to go to the polls, as well as entice another 10,000 eligible electors to register for the vote.

Czech Arms For Egypt

AGREEMENT SIGNED

London, Sept. 27. Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, said tonight in a broadcast over Cairo Radio that Egypt signed a "commercial agreement" with Czechoslovakia last week for the supply of arms to Egypt.

Egypt took the step after repeated failure to secure arms from the West "not for war but for peace," he said.

On the agreement with Czechoslovakia he said no conditions other than purely commercial ones were attached.

Colonel Nasser was broadcasting from a military exhibition at Gezira in Cairo which he had opened.

REFUSES OFFER

Colonel Nasser said he refused to accept arms from the West on conditions he was unable to reconcile with the aims of the revolution.

"We made the same request to the Government of Czechoslovakia," he added. "They said they are able to supply us with arms to meet our needs and the needs of the Egyptian army on the basis of a purely commercial agreement."

"We accepted immediately and Egypt last week signed a trade agreement with Czechoslovakia for the supply of arms to us."

"It is an agreement favourable to Egypt as the arms are to be paid for in Egyptian products such as cotton and rice."

"NO TRIUMPH"

Colonel Nasser said the agreement was "no triumph for Russian or foreign influences."

"Egypt, independent and strong, will not allow and will not accept foreign influences," Britain had supplied Egypt with some arms but these "did not fulfil the aspirations of the revolution."

"I assure you these arms shall not be used for aggression but for defence," Colonel Nasser said.—Reuter.

SHIP AGROUND

Kingston, Sept. 27. The Philippines motor ship Dona Aurora, 2,355 tons, bound for Kingston with a cargo from the Far East, ran aground off Jamaica's southeast coast early today in high winds caused by hurricane Janet.

No rescue attempts were being made because the Aurora was trying to free herself.—Reuter.

PREPARING FOR GENEVA Big Three's Complete Identity Of Views

3 ESSENTIAL TARGETS Guarantees For Soviet Union

New York, Sept. 27.

Complete identity of views was noted today by the foreign ministers of France, Britain and the United States, as they studied the report of their experts on the preparations for the Geneva conference at the opening session here.

The report, taken up at the foreign ministers' conference held in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, covered the background of all questions relating to the reunification of Germany and European security.

The next session of the three-power conference will be held at 7.15 p.m. GMT, when the ministers will continue their study of the report of the experts. They will also exchange ideas on current international problems.

French Plan For Morocco

Hinges On Sultan's Decision

Paris, Sept. 27. M. Pierre July, French Minister for Morocco, said today he thought Sultan Mohammed Moulay Ben Arafat would be prepared to leave the Moroccan throne to permit the application of the French "new deal" plan for the protectorate.

Ben Arafat's departure is the first step in the plan, which envisages his replacement by a regency council of three, and the installation of a representative Moroccan government.

Asked at an Anglo-American Press Club luncheon what France would do if the Sultan refused to go, M. July said that knowing Ben Arafat's character and regard for his people, he could not believe he would oppose measures necessary to end divisions among his subjects.

OBSTACLES REMOVED

M. July said two obstacles to the new deal had been removed—Spanish objection to Ben Arafat's transfer to the Tangier international zone had been overcome, and the choice of the third member of the regency council no longer constituted a difficulty.

According to usually reliable sources, this meant that implementation of the plan now depended on Ben Arafat's prompt departure being secured by General Boyer de Latour, the Resident-General in Morocco.

The sources said General Latour expected a violent reaction from the disarmed French settlers, for whom Ben Arafat's presence on the throne is the symbol of resistance to the French plan.

The powerful coalition between these settlers and right-wing deputies, which considers the plan a sell-out of French interests, hopes to sabotage the measure through parliamentary action, even the Government's overthrow, if necessary, when the French National Assembly reconvenes next Tuesday.—Reuter.

Jordanian Infiltrator Slain

Tel Aviv, Sept. 27. One Jordanian infiltrator and six camels were killed today when an Israeli patrol engaged a group of infiltrators which penetrated Israeli territory near the Dyke settlement in the Jordanian-occupied zone.

It was also believed possible that the problem of Vietnam and the situation in the Middle East would be taken up in more detail.

Procedural questions on the forthcoming Geneva conference will be discussed by the three Western ministers and Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov, at dinner tonight, a reliable source said.

A Fundamental

The fundamental idea of the three Western foreign ministers was the "absolute necessity" to obtain German reunification inside a system of European security.

In a two-hour meeting, the three ministers decided that the following things should be done:

1. Germany should be reunified.

2. A European security pact should then be created, based around the Big Four powers, and a reunified Germany, and also linking the countries belonging to the Atlantic Alliance and the Warsaw Pact.

3. A system of arms limitation and reciprocal exchange of military information should be set up to operate in both East and West Europe. A limited system of control should also be created.

The Western plans for the October Big Four foreign ministers' conference were described here as simple rather than rigid. The plans take into account the need to furnish guarantees to the Soviet Union, and aim at the same time to ensure Germany's neighbours against a repetition of German aggression.

Idea Abandoned

The ministers decided to abandon the idea proposed at the Geneva Big Four conference by the British Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, of a demilitarised zone between the East and the West. The ministers agreed that the creation of such a zone might be the embryo of a "neutralised Germany."

Questions of disarmament and ways of co-ordinating the Western views on this subject, were also discussed, including the reply to be sent to Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's letter on the subject of disarmament to US President Eisenhower.

The question of East Germany was also discussed. The Western ministers maintained the principle of non-recognition of East Germany.

It was considered probable that a statement on the Western position toward East Germany would be published tomorrow or Thursday.

Following the conference, the ministers, John Foster Dulles, Harold Macmillan and Antoine Pinay dined together at the Waldorf Astoria where they met.

The meeting, which was presided by Mr. Dulles, took place in an informal atmosphere. The three ministers seated in large easy chairs simply presented their views in light of the report previously prepared for the conference by the experts.

Butler Finalises Economic Restrictions Plan

From DEREK MARKS

London, Sept. 27. Mr. Butler is putting the final touches to his plan of economic restrictions designed to cut down Britain's import bill. A series of Cabinet committee meetings have agreed upon the general form of cuts. The basic decision has been taken that massive defence contracts already under way will have to be completed. Cancellation would involve the government in large-scale expenditure for nothing in order to break off contracts.

Cuts in spending are to be made by reducing subsidies—notably in housing—and by delaying big capital expenditure programmes of the coal, electricity and gas boards.

Ministers feel that plans to improve Britain's rail and road communications must continue at the present pace. This is because transport delays are estimated to add millions of pounds a year to the cost of exports in foreign markets. Mr. Butler's aim will be to cut down home demand for consumer goods in order to stimulate the export drive still further. The Minister's plan for the cuts will be announced before the Conservative Party conference on Wednesday week so that full party support can be whipped up. London Express Service.

Alleged Plot To Murder Husband

New York, Sept. 27.

The wife of a wealthy embroidery manufacturer was arrested today, charged with having hatched an elaborate plot to murder her husband.

Mrs. Mary Mortel, 38, confessed to having induced her brother, Albert Devart, 35, and Alexander Rafalko, 31, a tavern acquaintance of Devart's, to "get rid of her husband," police headquarters reported.

The victim, Michael Mortel, 43, was clubbed last Sunday in their apartment over the embroidery factory while his wife and five-year-old daughter were in church. He fought off his assailant, Rafalko, but was severely injured and was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Hoboken, New Jersey.

CLUBBED IN SLEEP

Freel, dark-haired Mrs. Mortel said, according to the police, that she had talked to her brother about getting rid of her husband for about a month. Devart and Rafalko drove to the apartment last Sunday and Rafalko clubbed Mortel in his sleep with a lead bar, intending to put him into a dazed condition to make it appear as if Mortel had drowned. But the manufacturer remained conscious when Rafalko tried to drag him to the bathtub and battle with him, whereupon his assailant fled.

The fact that the burglar alarm in the building was turned off and the door left open led police to a thorough questioning of Mrs. Mortel until she confessed the crime.

Mrs. Mortel, her brother and Rafalko will be arraigned tomorrow in West New York Municipal Court on charges of atrocious assault and assault with intent to kill. They are being held without bail.—United Press.

Mongolia Applies For Membership

Moscow, Sept. 27.

The government of the Mongolian People's Republic sent a letter to Mr. Jose Maizra, chairman of the United Nations General Assembly, today requesting membership of the United Nations, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported.—Reuter.

Eisenhower Latest COMFORTABLE AND CHEERFUL

Denver, Sept. 27. President Eisenhower's doctors described him today as "comfortable and cheerful" and reported that he spent "a large part of the morning" outside his oxygen tent.

The bulletin from Fitzsimons army hospital at 7 p.m. GMT said:

"The President continues to progress satisfactorily without complications."

"After spending a restful night, he had a breakfast of prunes, oatmeal, soft boiled egg, toast with marmalade and milk. He remained out of the oxygen tent for a large part of the morning."

"His temperature is normal. His blood pressure and pulse remain stable and satisfactory."

"His morning cardiogram continued to show the expected evolution."

"The President is comfortable and cheerful."

The likelihood is growing that the President would be flown to his farm at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, for a month of convalescence after his first month here.

Mr. James Hagerty, the White House press secretary, said no plans had been made by the Eisenhower family for the President to fly to Gettysburg after the first month but he thought speculation along that line would be "an educated guess." "I might remind you," he said, "Gettysburg is their home." —Reuter.

Troops To Be Withdrawn

Jerusalem, Sept. 27.

A spokesman of the Israeli Foreign Office announced tonight that Israel would withdraw its troops from the Mizana demilitarised zone, following the proposal of General Edson Burns, UN truce commission chief.

The Israeli Government has demanded that Egypt follow suit; the Israeli spokesman said.

Informed sources here disclosed, following this statement, that simultaneous withdrawal operations would take place tomorrow.—France-Press.

Navies To Exchange Visits

London, Sept. 27.

A simultaneous exchange of visits between ships of the Royal Navy and Soviet naval squadrons will take place next month, the British Admiralty announced today.

Under the exchange, which follows negotiations between the Admiralty and the Soviet Naval Command, six British ships will visit Leningrad from October 12 to 17, while six Soviet vessels will visit Portsmouth.—Reuter.

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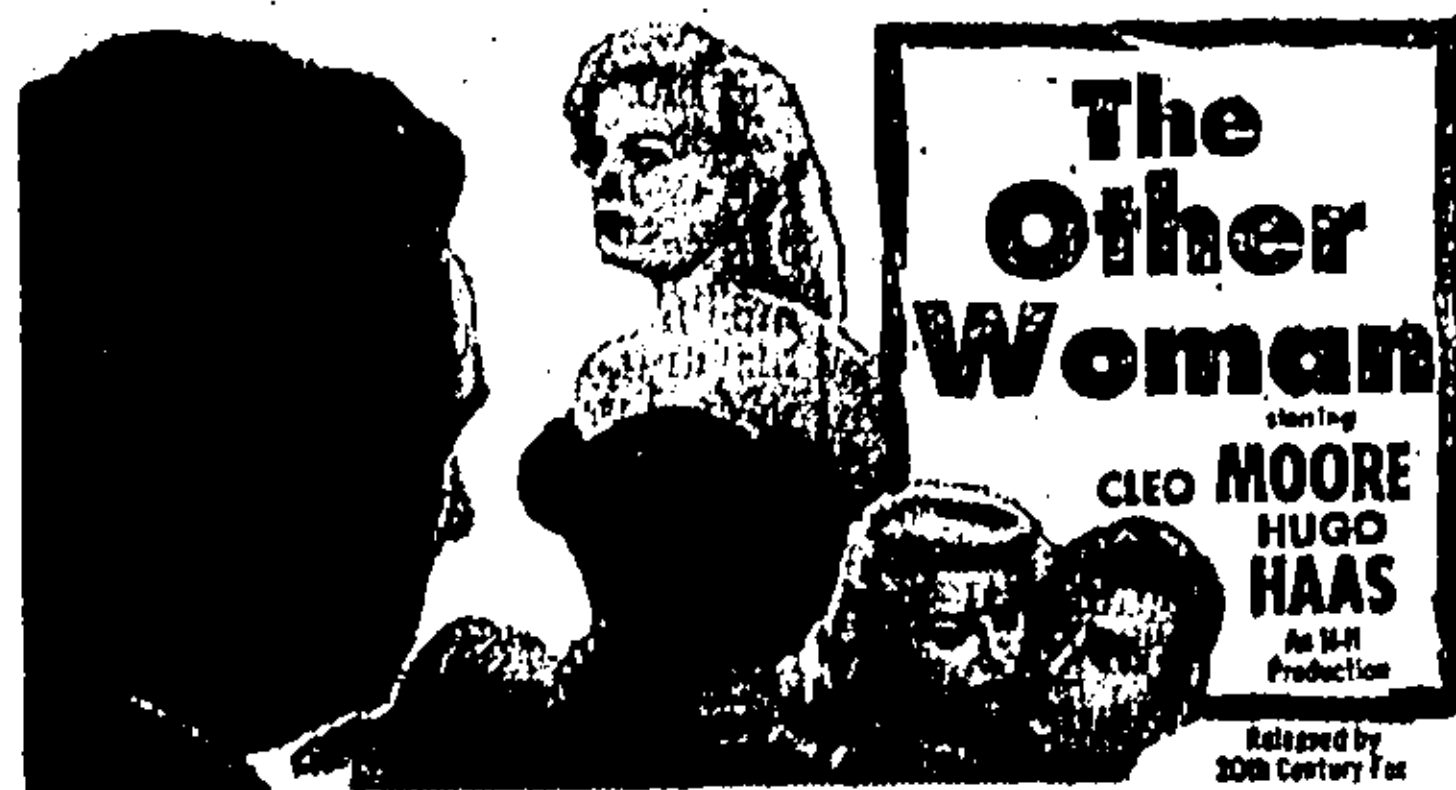
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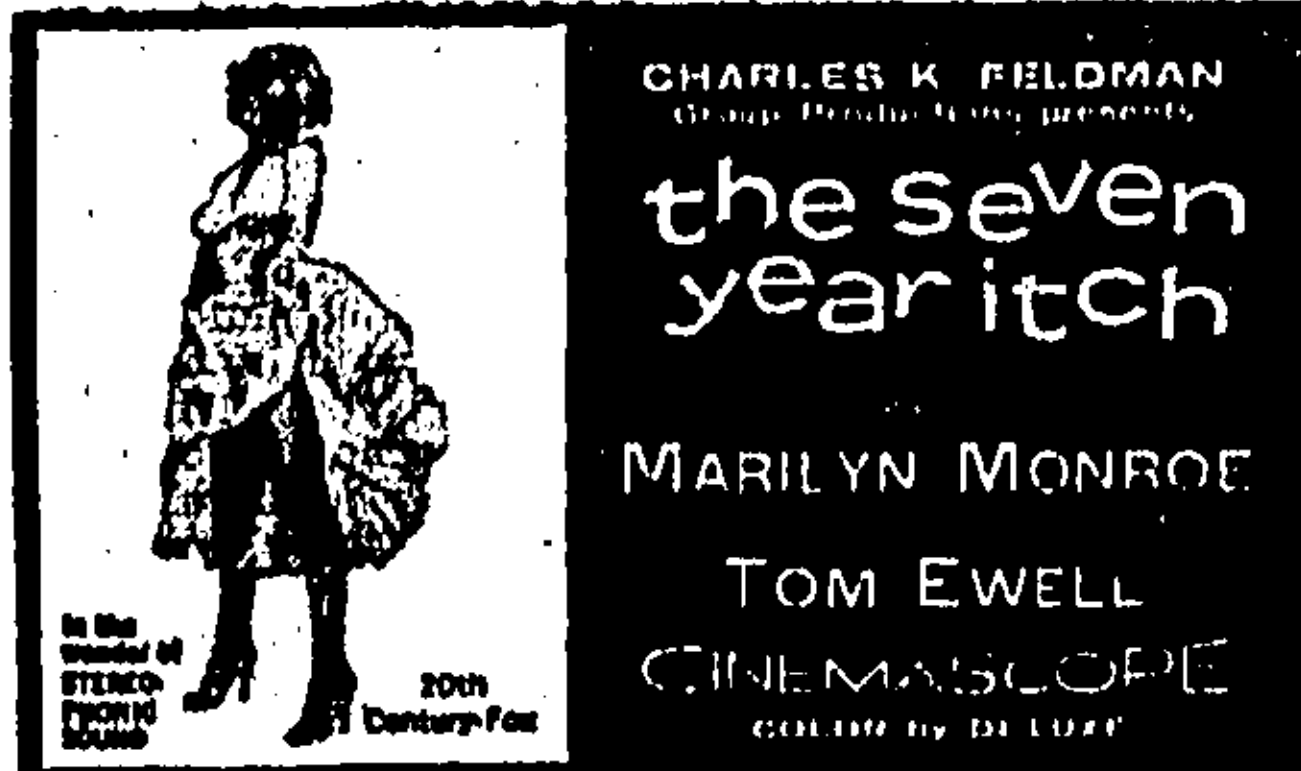


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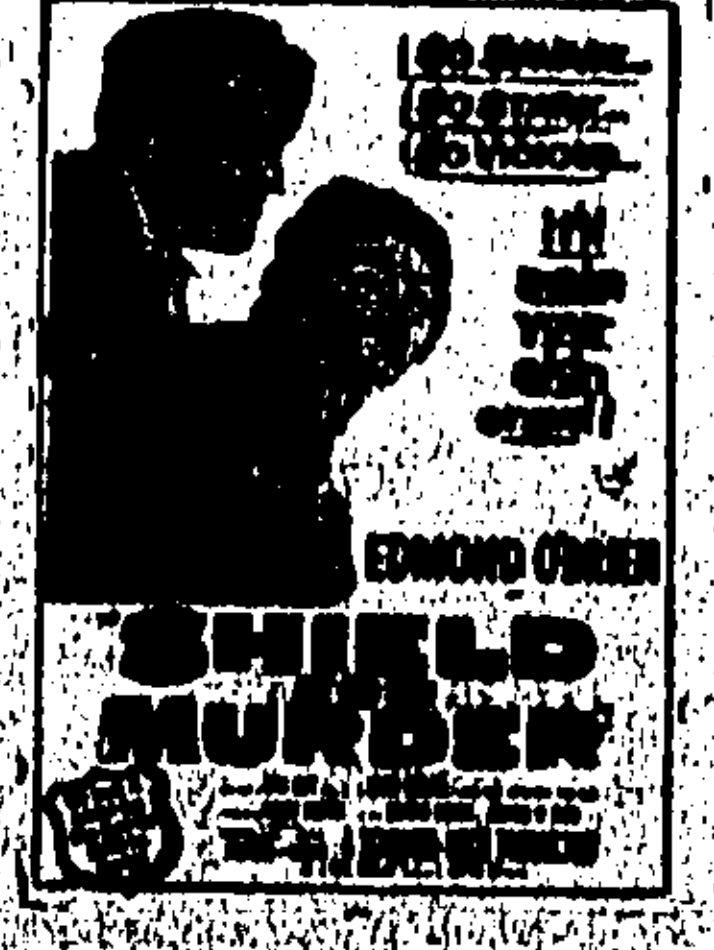
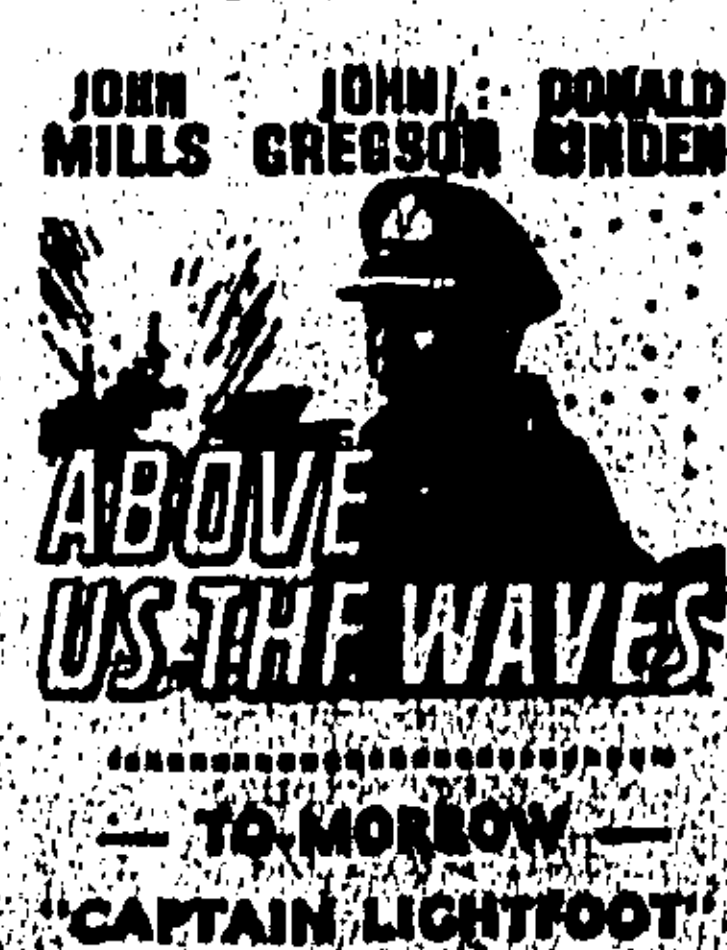
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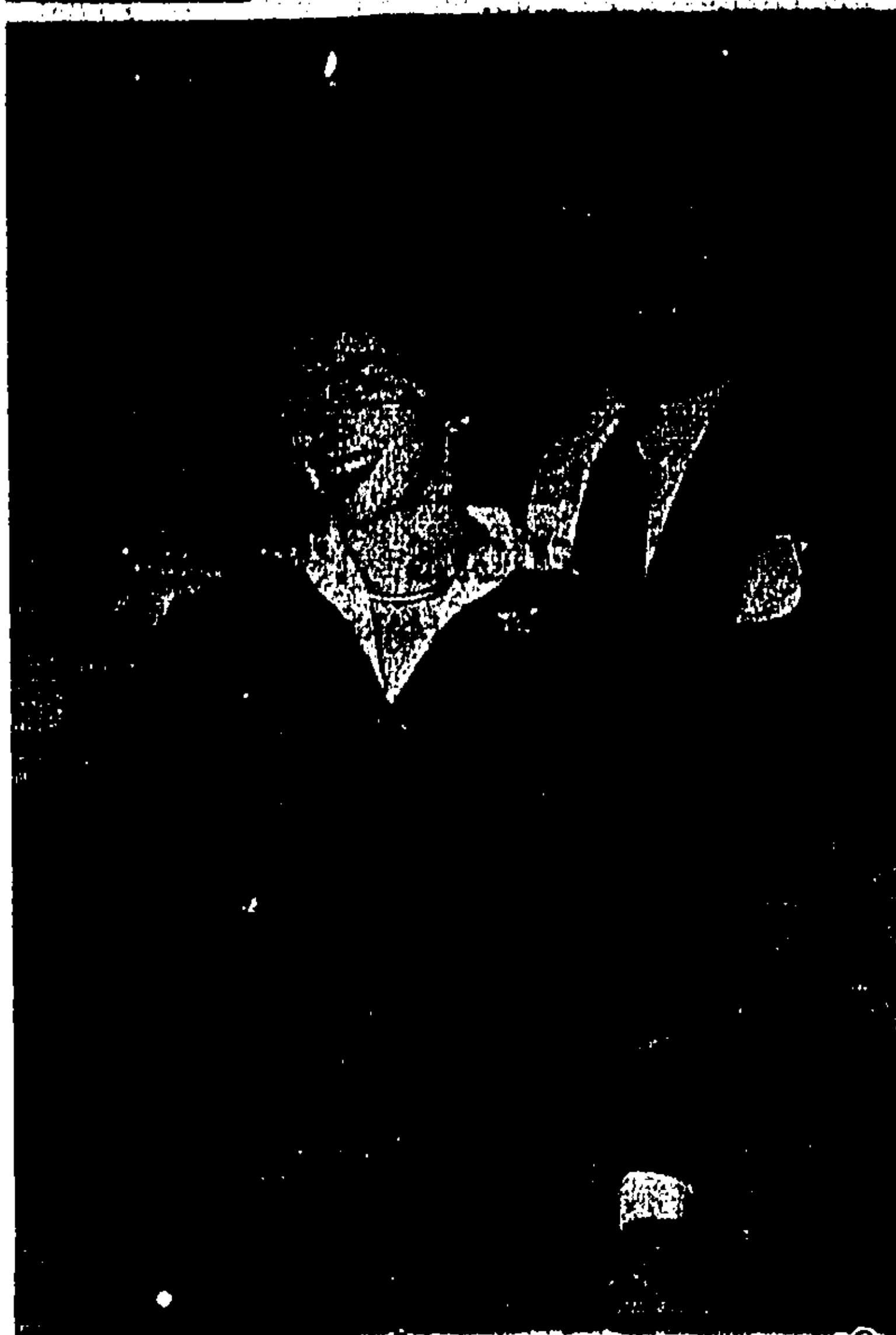
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ENGLAND HIT BY POLIO

For Export Only?



English-born actress Dawn Addams and her Italian husband Prince Vittorio Massimo are seen after their arrival in London Airport last week for a visit to Britain. It is Miss Addams' first trip to London since last year. Formerly under contract to 3

Hollywood film studio, Miss Addams now lives in Italy with her husband and small baby. She told British reporters: "I would like to make a film here, but they seem to think I am for export only."—London Express Photo.

'Safety First' For Britain's Atomic Power Stations

THEY WON'T BE BUILT NEAR TOWNS

London, Sept. 27. Lord Ciriaco, Chairman of the Central Electricity Authority, told a press conference today Britain would incorporate "comprehensive safety precautions" in her projected chain of 12 nuclear electric power stations, all of which will be working by 1965. These precautions would ensure "the effective containment of radio-active materials at all times," he said. "Nevertheless, until public confidence has been built up, it is proposed... to site the early stations well away from urban areas."

The 12 stations are to cost about £2,000,000,000 and the first will be under construction by 1957.

Not 'Just Around The Corner'

Lord Ciriaco said the natural uranium, carbon moderated, and gas-cooled reactors to be used in the stations, were inherently safe in operation. It might well be that in future, when nuclear generation became an everyday affair, the safety precautions now being adopted would appear extravagant.

He warned that as important as nuclear power might be, it must not be imagined unlimited supplies of electricity from that source were "just around the corner." Present plans visualised a capacity of about 2,000,000 kilowatts being provided by nuclear power by 1965, out of a total generating plant of 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 kilowatts.—China Mail Special.

Indian Party HQ

Raided In Jo'burg

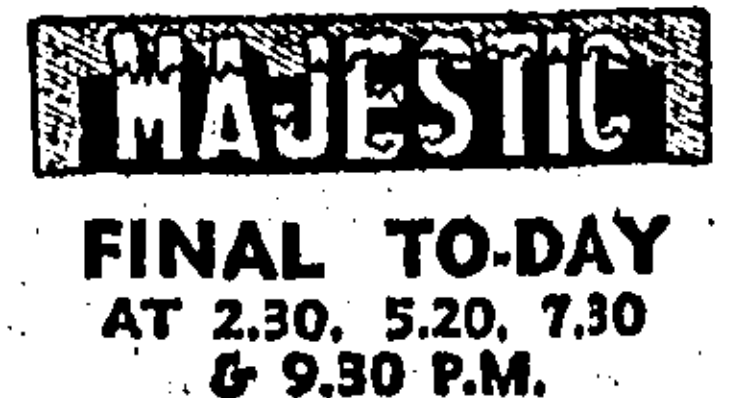
Johannesburg, Sept. 27. South African security officers today raided the offices of the Transvaal Indian Congress.

an Indian high school and the homes of several Indians.

The raids were part of a search in various parts of the country for evidence of treason and violation of the suppression of Communism acts.

A special police squad raided the basement premises of the Transvaal Indian Congress in Johannesburg and the central Indian high school in Johannesburg.

The former secretary of the South African Indian Congress said his home in Vredorp was raided and his typewriter, pamphlets, books and other literature seized. He said the homes of a number of other Indians, including Dr Y. M. Dao, former President of the Congress, were raided. —France Press.



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Worst Incidence Since 1950 Says WHO Report

Geneva, Sept. 27.

England and Wales are experiencing this year the worst incidence of poliomyelitis since 1950, the World Health Organisation (WHO) announced today.

The areas most affected are Greater London and the West Riding of Yorkshire, WHO said. In Greater London, the incidence had reached the abnormally high rate of about 15 cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

With the peak of the "polio season" passed in many countries of northern and western Europe, England and Wales reported a still rising incidence during the first two weeks of September, the announcement said.

During August, an average of 350 cases were reported weekly, but in the first week of September the number of cases rose to 398 and in the second week to 466—a total exceeded only in 1947 (708 cases) and 1950 (814).

The uncorrected total of cases reported in England and Wales for the first 30 weeks of this year was 3,442 compared with 1,480 in 1954 and 2,470 in 1953 and 5,130 in 1950.

Peak Passed

The organisation declared polio also increased, compared to last year, in Western Germany, Berlin, Austria, Holland, France and Belgium, but the peak had been passed and reported cases were now lower than in previous weeks. In other European countries (excluding the Communist states), there had been an overall decline compared with 1954, especially in Switzerland, Sweden and Denmark.—China Mail Special.

Japan Pledges Friendship For America

New York, Sept. 27.

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Sadao Iruchi, said today that friendship between the United States and Japan was one of the greatest factors for peace in the Pacific.

Addressing the National Convention of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America at Richmond, Virginia he added: "Japan is a fast friend of the United States and an anchor point in the Asian area of freedom."

Japan felt it could help in the fight against communism in Asia by providing a bridge between Eastern needs and Western technical skills.—Router.

THEY MET FOR LUNCH TO DISCUSS A PROBLEM

Washington, Sept. 27.

Five senior members of the Eisenhower administration met at lunch today to discuss keeping the government running smoothly while the President recuperates from his heart attack.

The meeting was in the private dining room of the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. George Humphrey.

Besides Mr. Humphrey there were the Vice President, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Sherman Adams, Mr. Eisenhower's chief of staff, Mr. William Rogers, Deputy Attorney-General, and Mr. Herbert Brownell, the Attorney-General.

Neither Mr. Nixon nor Mr. Brownell had any comment on the purpose of the lunch as they arrived at the Treasury, except that Mr. Nixon said: "government affairs" would be discussed.

Before the lunch Mr. Nixon saw the Budget Director, Mr. Fowland Hughes and Mr. Leonard Hall, Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

We'll Be Stronger

Mr. Hall was in Mr. Nixon's office for more than an hour. Afterwards Mr. Hall said he would not discuss the political implications of Mr. Eisenhower's illness, but did declare "our party will be a stronger party in 1956."

Mr. Hall said that there was no change in his campaign plans for 1956.

"My complete impression is that the Republican Party has taken on the image of Dwight D. Eisenhower," he said.—Router.

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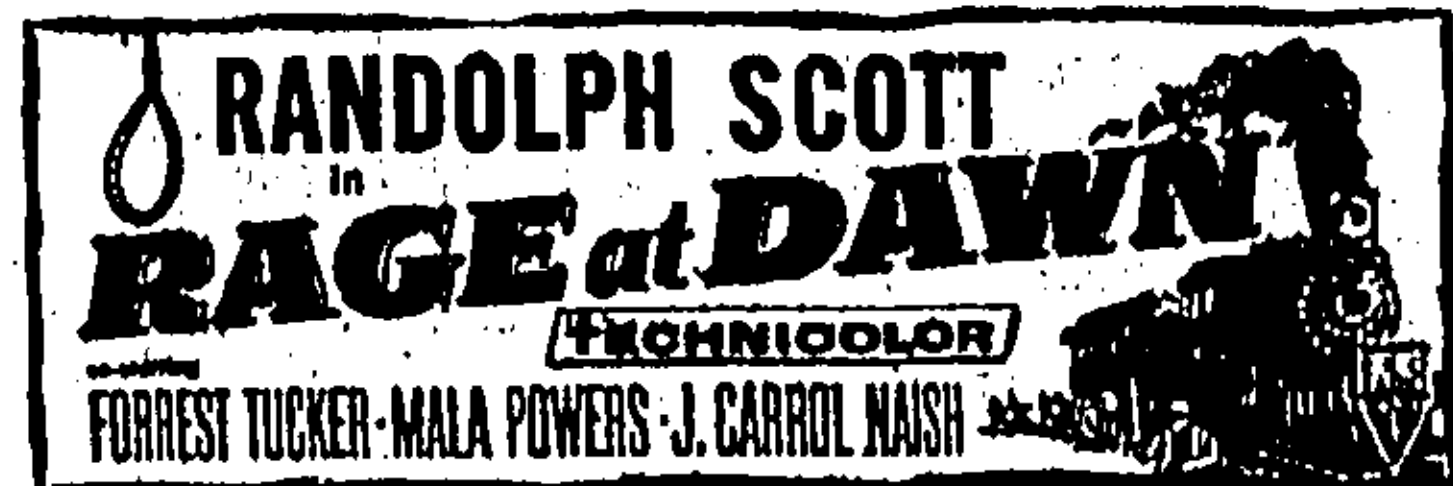


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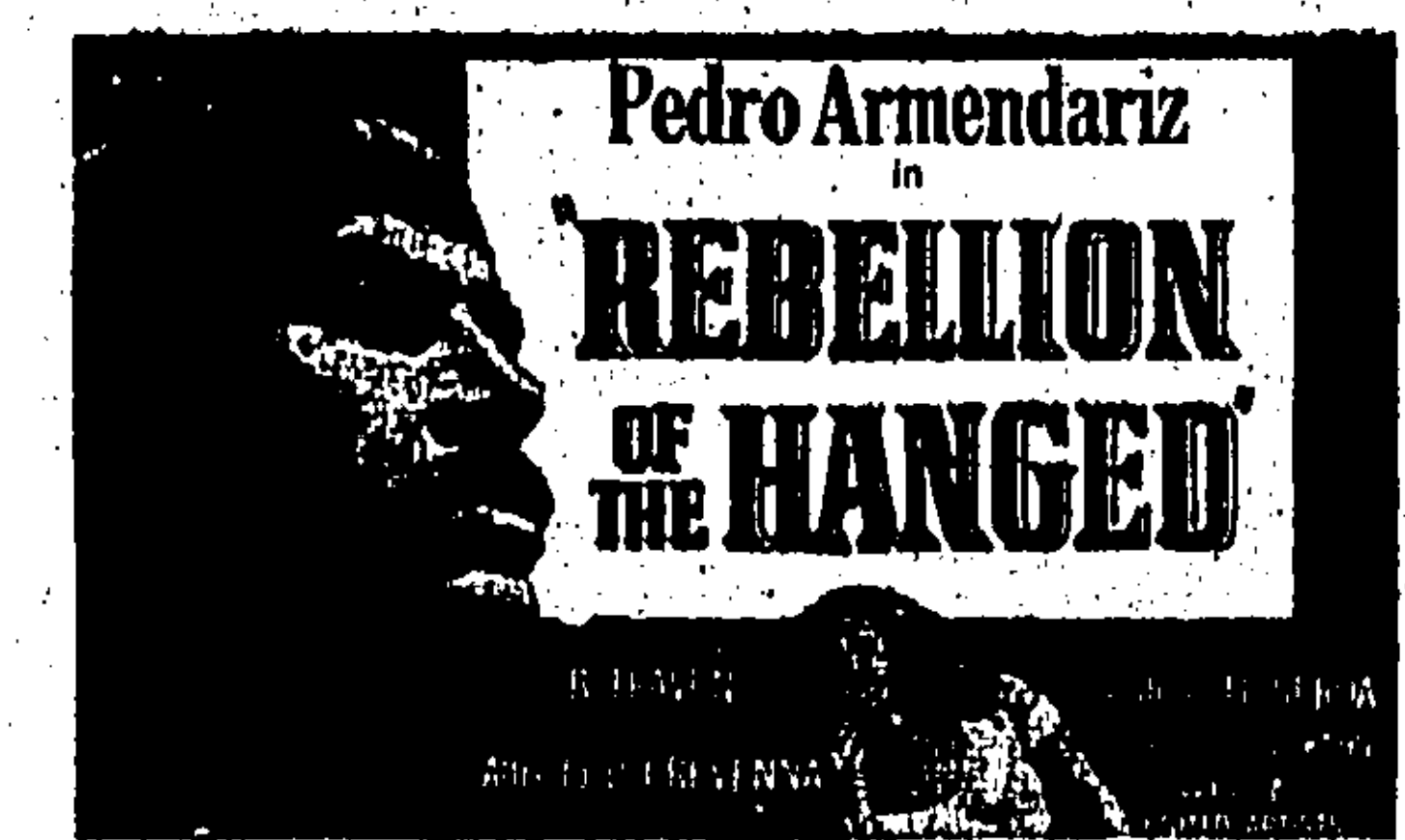
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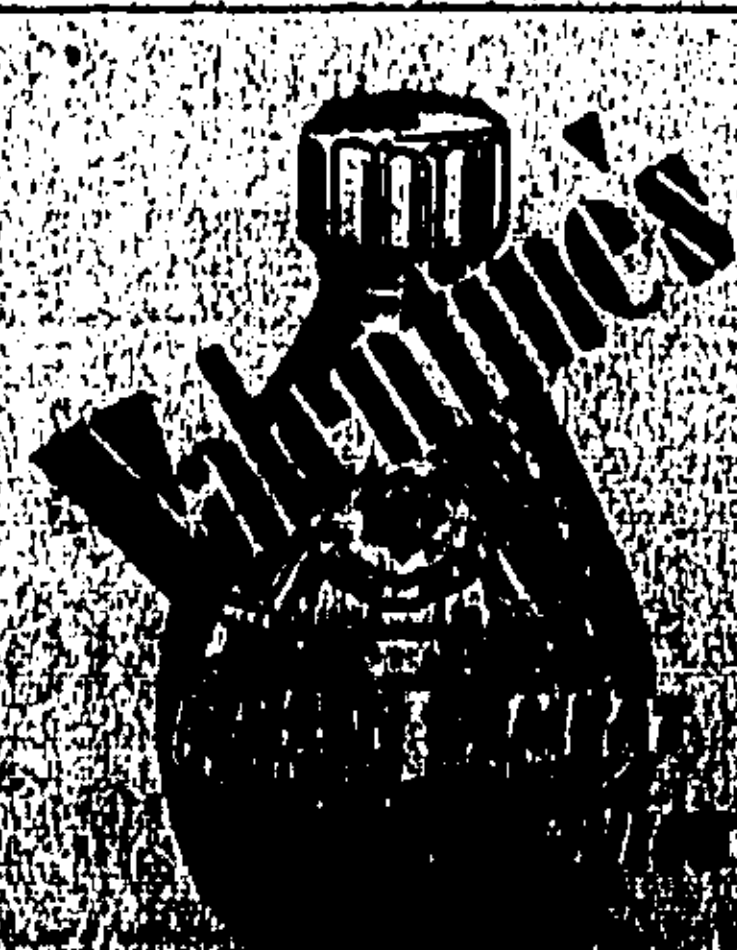
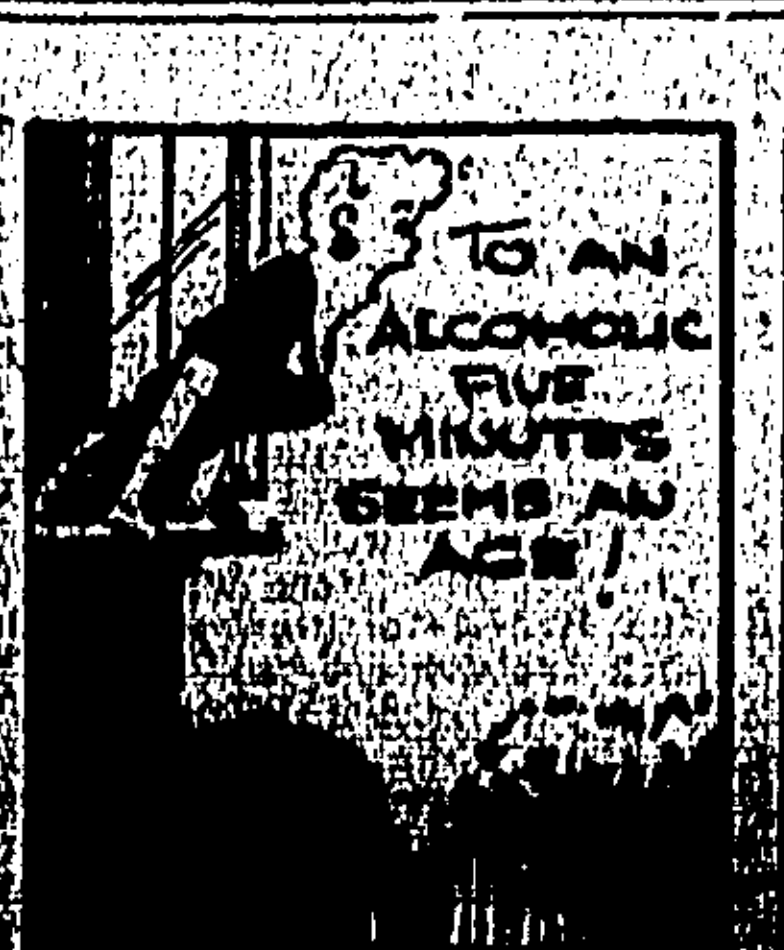
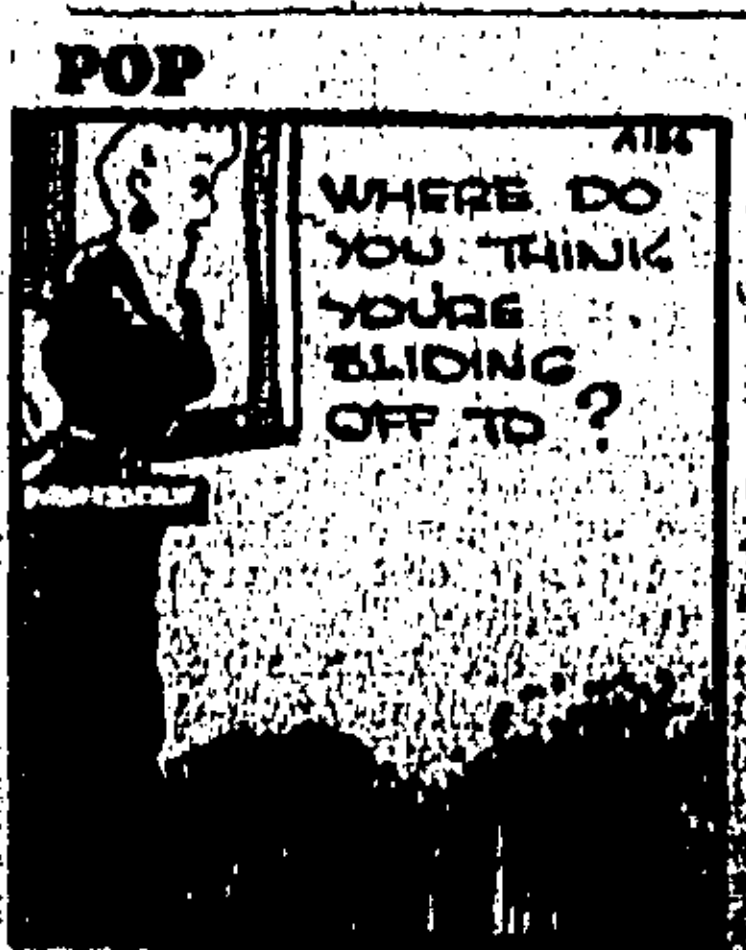
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UN Debate Algerian Question

BID TO INCLUDE IT ON AGENDA

New York, Sept. 27. The United Nations General Assembly today debated whether to include the Algeria issue in its agenda as proposed by 13 countries of the African Asian group.

The 15-nation steering committee last week recommended against inscribing the item.

Mr. Mahmoud Fawzi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, began the discussion. He was to be followed by representatives of Pakistan, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Norway.

Mr. Fawzi recalled that the African Asian conference at Bandung last spring gave unequivocal support to the Algerians' case against France. It was a challenge to the wisdom of the United Nations to request it to consider the issue at this assembly.

France occupied the "free, sovereign state" of Algeria 125 years ago, he said. Now Algeria was "still struggling to regain its sovereignty and freedom, yet the United Nations that it was not the concern of the world organisation and that it had no warrant to intervene.

SYRIAN VIEW

Mr. Rafik Ashu, Syrian permanent representative, said the inscription of Algeria was one of the most important problems that had ever come before the United Nations. It involved some fundamental issues and reflected all the cleavages, conflicts and stresses of "our time".

Mr. Mohammed Ali, Pakistan's permanent representative, said Algeria was a problem of international importance which merited the immediate consideration of countries subscribing to the United Nations charter.

Dr. Mohamed Fadil Aljamali, chairman of the Iraqi delegation, said France was using brutal measures to suppress the struggle for freedom in Algeria.

Mr. C. W. A. Schumann of the Netherlands said his country would oppose inclusion of the Algerian issue on the agenda because on legal grounds the matter fell outside the competence of the United Nations. His country was also confident France could progress towards satisfactory conditions in Algeria as she had done in other parts of North Africa. The debate was adjourned until Thursday.—Reuter.

Must Wait For Reunification Of Country

New York, Sept. 27.

Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, today told Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General, that he would welcome membership for Germany in the United Nations.

Dr. von Brentano stressed to reporters afterwards that he talked of "German membership" and added: "there is only one Germany."

Dr. von Brentano is in New York to take part tomorrow in the talks of the three Western Foreign Ministers preparatory to the Big Four conference with the Soviet Union in Geneva on October 27.

Heading the agenda at the Geneva meeting is expected to be the question of German reunification and European security.

The German minister said he was "very hopeful" regarding his talks with the Western statesmen.

"I am sure," he said, "that the discussion will help to prepare in a good sense the Geneva conference."

Dr. von Brentano made a courtesy call on Mr. Hammarskjöld and on the President of the U.N. General Assembly now in session, Mr. Jose Maza of Chile.

Interviewed by reporters in the delegates' lounge later, Dr. Brentano said that it was "quite natural" that he spoke to Mr. Hammarskjöld of the membership of Germany in the United Nations.

"I told the Secretary-General that I would welcome Germany's membership in the organisation," he added. "But I said 'German membership.' There is only one Germany."

He said the Secretary-General had replied that he also would welcome German membership.

Dr. von Brentano said that Germany had not made an actual application. Asked when that might come, he replied: "The moment when we should be requested, as a united Germany, we will immediately apply for membership."

"We wait for the time when we will be welcomed by all members of the United Nations," he said.

The minister said that he thought Germany would be represented at the Big Four conference of Foreign Ministers in Geneva as it had been at the "summit" conference last July.

Asked whether he would have the opportunity of seeing Mr. V. M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, while he was in New York, Dr. von Brentano replied: "I don't think so, because recently I had occasion to see him in Moscow."

The minister said he had received a friendly and cordial reception at United Nations headquarters and had reciprocated on behalf of all the German nation in the same friendly spirit.

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The fifteen-year-old bride, Princess Ira Fierstenberg, waits at the altar steps while her groom, Prince Alfonso, argues with one of the photographers who almost halted the ceremony in the year's most publicised wedding in the 16th century church of San Sebastian in Venice, Italy. The phalanx of photographers was broken up by the bride's father, Prince Tassilo, who, red-faced with anger, rushed up to them exclaiming: "Please, I implore you, my daughter must get married. Please leave the altar." Then the wedding went on.—Reuterphoto.

Truman Lifts The Cork On US Politics (1940 Vintage)

Washington, Sept. 27.

Ex-President Truman tonight told how the late President Roosevelt tried to curb his political future in 1940 by encouraging one of Truman's principal foes in Missouri.

Truman served as Roosevelt's running mate in 1944. But it was a different story four years earlier when the Missouri Senator was fighting for his political life.

The ex-President, in the second instalment of his memoirs published by Life magazine, reported at length on his introduction into politics under the auspices of the Pendergast machine in Kansas City.

He did not offer a detailed account of how Roosevelt tried to help his political opposition. But he did fight against charges that he was a product of a corrupt political machine headed by late Tom Pendergast who went to prison as a result of an income tax fraud investigation.

Truman was first elected to the Senate in 1934 and early in 1940 decided to seek re-election in the Democratic primary.

He said Roosevelt offered "in a roundabout way" to put him on the Interstate Commerce Commission, but he turned it down and said he would fight for re-nomination even if he received only one vote.

"The President was really encouraging Stark, my opponent," Truman said.

He referred to Lloyd C. Stark, then the Democratic Governor of Missouri who, with Maurice Milligan, the US District Attorney for Kansas City, was defeated by Truman in the 1940 primary.

Truman had little to say about the Pendergast machine except to note that Tom Pendergast's conviction was undoubtedly a liability in 1940. He said efforts to link him with "a corrupt political machine" did not bother him personally because he had "an unblemished record."

The second instalment takes Truman through his successful re-election to the Senate in 1940. He devotes most of his wordage in Life this week to his boyhood, his unsuccessful efforts in the business world of the early twenties, and briefly his World War I experiences.

From the time he entered grade school, he worked hard to learn and to please his teachers. By the time he was 14 he had read "all the books" in the Independence Library and had gone through the bible three times.

When he worked as a bank clerk before World War I he was paid \$60 a month. He said he and his brother Vivian "usually bought a 10-cent box lunch and spent the noon hour eating it in a five-cent picture show."

The ex-President told how on his first leave in France after the Armistice, while comrades were whooping it up in the joy days of Paris, he spent "three happy days" going to the opera.

He went to the Folies Bergere, too, but found it to be "a disgusting performance."

Truman also dealt extensively with his husband's business in Kansas City, his first post-war business venture which failed in 1923 "hopelessly in debt."

The ex-President pointed out that his "disappointing" business failure was not a "disaster" because he did not go into business without the partnership of his father, John Andrew Truman, who was a successful businessman.

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A Word In His Ear

HARDING OFF TO CYPRUS "WITH AN OPEN MIND"

Will Make A "Full Blown Appreciation"

London, Sept. 27.

Field Marshal Sir John Harding, who has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Cyprus, said here this evening that as soon as he arrived on the island he would make a "full blown" appreciation of the situation.

He said that he was going to Cyprus with an open mind. "I don't want people to think that I am going to arrive with some pre-judged opinions or firm plans. That would be foolish and very wrong."

Sir John Harding was being interviewed by journalists at Northolt airport near London on his return from attending British army manoeuvres in Germany. With him was General Sir Gerald Templar, who is succeeding him as Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

IMMEDIATE STEPS

The Field Marshal said: "When I get to Cyprus I shall not about taking any immediate steps. I consider necessary on the advice of the people there and start to work on what I call a full blown appreciation of the situation."

"Then I shall decide what policy to recommend to the government if any major changes in policy are to be recommended. Obviously you cannot achieve anything except in conditions of stability and security and that is a job to be done anyhow."

He hoped to draw on experience in Malaya and Kenya "where we found that this business of security is a three-member team—the civil administration, the police and intelligence and the armed forces. They are already working together in Cyprus. One of the first things is to check up on that team-work."

Asked to comment on a statement by the Greek Foreign Minister that his appointment indicated Britain had gone to war over the Cyprus issue, the Field Marshal replied:

"I am very sorry he has taken up that attitude. There is no suggestion of war. The sooner people settle down together peacefully and quietly, the sooner we find the answer."—Reuter.

SWOOP BY COMMANDOS



A dawn swoop by men of the No. 45 Commando in the village of Akanthou in the biggest military search yet made for suspected terrorists and hidden arms. Picture shows Commandos leaving a village carpenter's shop after a search. They are watched by villagers.—Central Press.

"FRIGHTENED LADY" CASE

Technical Hitch For Authorities

Paris, Sept. 27. The investigation by the French authorities into the mysterious disappearance from a French liner of the Australian ski champion, Mrs. Susan Williams, a year ago, ran into a technical snag today when the authorities could not decide who should have jurisdiction over the case.

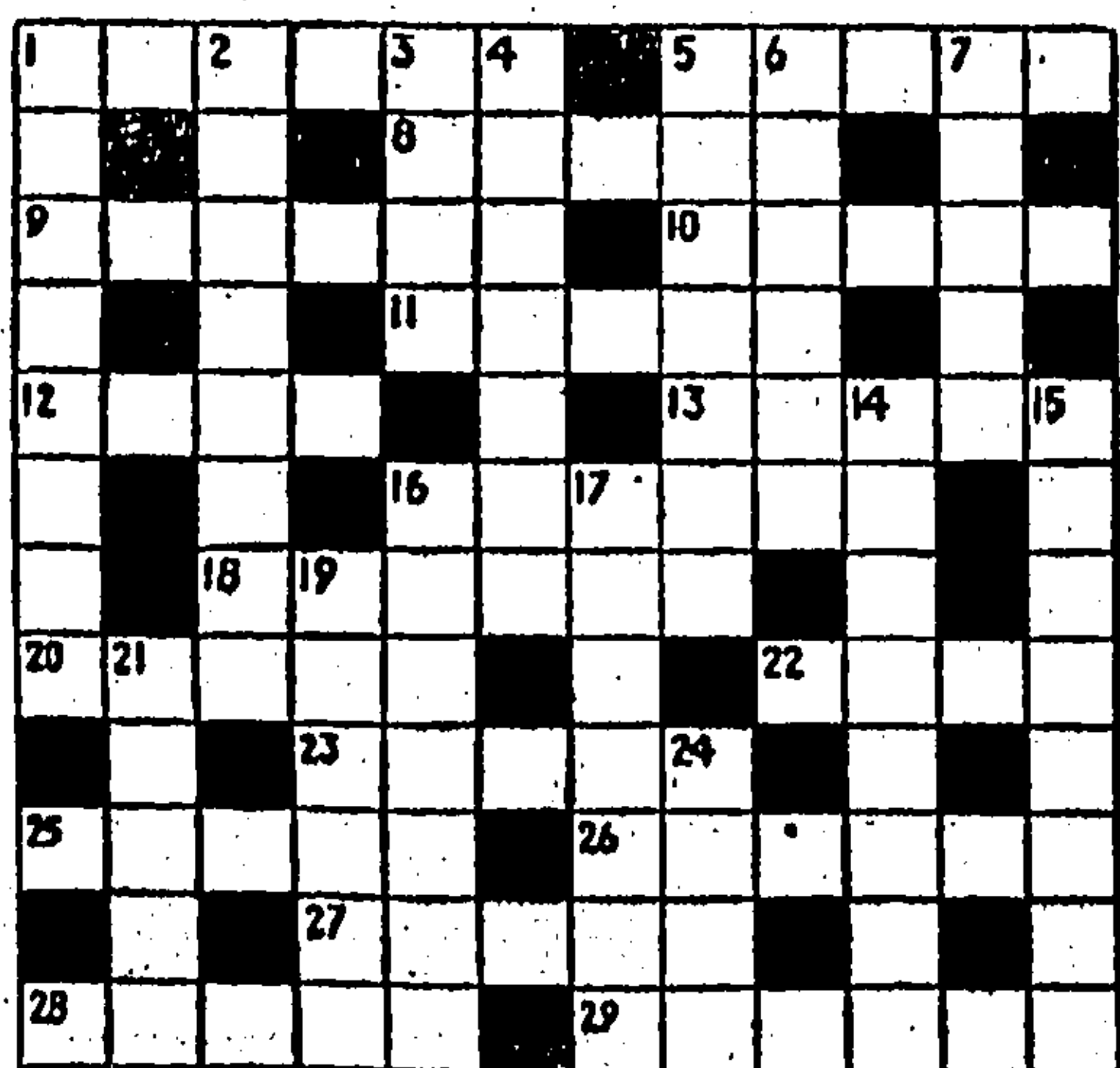
The investigation, aimed at finding out whether Mrs. Williams, a wealthy widow, was with "lost" ski, aboard the liner "Gange" will be delayed for several days while a final decision is made whether the case should be handled by the French or Australian authorities.

Investigation should be conducted at Paris, where the office of the liner is located, or at Marseilles, where the liner is registered.

Mrs. Williams disappeared from the liner near Aden, en route from Sydney to Marseilles, after leaving a note and making statements suggesting she felt herself to be in danger.

Her father, Australian doctor Robert Melville, of Camden Haven, New South Wales, asked for an investigation to determine whether his daughter was in any danger.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Heavenly drink (8).
 - Grave (5).
 - Altitude (5).
 - Rebound (8).
 - For smoking (8).
 - Valleys (5).
 - Girl (4).
 - Treated medically (8).
 - Agree (5).
 - Justifications (8).
 - Birds (5).
 - Bucket (4).
 - Spoke (5).
 - Brown pigment (5).
 - Peril (6).
 - Bird (6).
 - Agree (5).
 - Holiday (6).

- DOWN
- Infant (8).
 - Quite certain (8).
 - Parched (4).
 - Set free (7).
 - Withdraws (7).
 - Prayer (6).
 - Rub out (6).
 - Throttle (6).
 - Ascertains (8).
 - Mean (7).
 - Slim (7).
 - Spotted (8).
 - Odde, perhaps (8).
 - Entrance (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Spread, 8 Scams, 9 Cell, 9 Depart, 11 Ailer, 12 Speedy, 14 Dir., 18 Rusty, 19 Exile, 20 Eggs, 21 Perils, 24 Adults, 25 Adversity, 26 Rusty, 27 Rusts, 28 Entrapped, Down: 1 Blush, 2 Blush, 3 Acre, 4 Dotted, 5 Blurred, 6 Blurred, 7 Blurred, 8 Blurred, 9 Blurred, 10 Blurred, 11 Blurred, 12 Blurred, 13 Blurred, 14 Blurred, 15 Blurred, 16 Blurred, 17 Blurred, 18 Blurred, 19 Blurred, 20 Blurred, 21 Blurred, 22 Blurred, 23 Blurred, 24 Blurred, 25 Blurred, 26 Blurred, 27 Blurred, 28 Blurred.

Laos & Cambodia Backed By Russia

United Nations, Sept. 27. The Soviet Union will support applications from Laos and Cambodia for United Nations membership, it was disclosed by informed sources today.

The sources said that the 16 nations which the Soviet Union will back, including Laos and Cambodia as well as the 14 other nations whose candidacy the Soviet Union supported in the 1954 General Assembly.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov, told the General Assembly in his opening speech of the new session that the Soviet Union would support 16 nations for U.N. membership.

Japan, which has asked to be admitted, is not on the Soviet list. The 16 countries are: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Ceylon, Cambodia, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Laos, Libya, Mongolia, Nepal, Portugal and Rumania.

The Soviet Union will support these countries on condition that they are voted on en bloc and not individually.

The Soviet Union raised the same condition last year when it presented its list of 14 countries.

Other candidates for admission not on the Soviet list are: South Korea, North Korea, South Vietnam and North Vietnam.

SPAIN'S BID

The Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Alberto Martin Artajo, sent a letter on Monday to the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, applying for United Nations membership.

The Spanish application marks the first official move of the Spanish government to obtain United Nations membership, though many Latin American countries in the past have pleaded Spain's right to belong to the international organization.

Spain does belong at present to several specialized institutions of the United Nations.

State Houses Lose Money

Wellington, Sept. 27.

New Zealand's state rental houses lost £268,000 sterling in the past year, according to a report tabled in the House of Representatives.

This brings the loss on the scheme so far up to £1,725,321 sterling.

Main reason, says the report, is that the present rate of rents, fixed in 1950, is insufficient to cover interest and outgoings on new houses now being let.—China Mail Special.

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SOVIET CONTRACTORS IN ART AT WORK

By David Laidlaw

ONLY the Communists would really expect much merit from a work of art produced "collectively." In Communist countries, and particularly in the Soviet Union, the authorities have always had great faith in this method of artistic creation. Their desire for a collective masterpiece has been especially strong in the field of opera, for of all forms of art this is the most closely linked with what one might call national mythology.

The authorities know well that one really first-class "Soviet" opera, which fired popular imagination, would have more effect than any number of administrative decrees.

But such a work has yet to appear. Moreover, it now seems that the system of opera collectives is not only artistically unproductive, but that it often encourages dishonest practices. This tendency was exposed by Pravda recently in an article called "Contracting the Muse."

A composer named Korchmarev was writing an opera, with a young poet from one of the literary institutes as his librettist. Korchmarev took great pains to present himself as someone completely uninterested in anything but his art.

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In this he was abetted by his wife. "Another composer," she told the librettist one day, "would long ago have made a contract with the theatre. He would have sold an operatic act in a bag, as the saying goes. But my husband cannot do it." To which Korchmarev added: "No, I cannot and I am proud of it. At such a time I cannot be distracted by organizational trifles. Money affairs might distract me from the world of sounds and half-heard melodies."

Statements like these convinced the librettist that his collaborator was a man of high integrity and he worked harder than ever. In due course he finished all the words for the first and second acts, and wrote a number of lyrics for the remaining two.

At this point Korchmarev decided that at last it was time for him to seek a contract. "Only the theatre can assess our work objectively," he told the librettist in a lofty tone. "Let us sign a contract. This was normally done by Bizet, Borodin and Leonovskii." Whereupon Korchmarev departed to Leningrad with his wife.

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The librettist settled down contentedly to await their return, but there was a rude shock in store for him. When they got back Korchmarev announced that everything was in order and that a Leningrad theatre had signed a contract with himself and his wife. "With your wife?" asked the poet in amazement, "and how about me?" He received the following answer: "Lydia Ivanovna will be your employer. She will indicate the text and you will do the writing. You will be... her hired poetic labour force."

Furious at this treatment, the librettist withdrew from the partnership. Korchmarev had given her permission to delegate the writing of the libretto and to pay the writers herself. The latter task she found it convenient to ignore.

That this kind of thing is by no means unusual in the Soviet Union is shown by Pravda's comment: "Sometimes these 'contractors' in art try to pass off someone else's play under their own name; sometimes they associate themselves with someone else's scenario; sometimes they get control over a young, talented painter, or pocket the chisel of a promising young sculptor."

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From the start, he took a firmer line with her than he had done with her predecessor. Now that he had secured a contract, he was anxious to speed up production. No longer did he make soulful speeches about the "world of sounds and half-heard melodies." Instead, he gave his new librettist the barest outline of the plot and "ordered" the text accordingly.

He did not even bother to see her in person but sent her instructions by telephone, just as "a housewife orders meat for dinner." The following is a sample of these instructions. "For the first course, the composer should shout into the telephone, 'we need a nice lyrical morsel with a bit of body; that is, with thought in it. For the second course—give several choruses with romantic seasoning...' and so on.

The girl naturally resented this method of collaboration, but Korchmarev swept her objections aside, saying that their deadline was at hand and that this was no time for "poetic scruples." So she gave in and reluctantly completed her assignment.

When the opera was finally ready, a provincial theatre decided to present it and the matter came under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Culture. A new contract was drawn up and approved by the Ministry. In this, the young librettists were again passed over, being mentioned only as the "authors of verse episodes," and allotted no remuneration whatever.

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When they protested to the Ministry of Culture, they were told to apply to Korchmarev's wife. For the Ministry, "in a special clause in the contract," had given her permission to delegate the writing of the libretto and to pay the writers herself. The latter task she found it convenient to ignore.

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Collective art is apparently most profitable only to the heads of the collective.



John Neville

AT the first night of Richard II at the Old Vic, early this year, the final curtain kept bobbing up and down like an exuberant yo-yo. Each time a thin, ethereal-looking young man took his bow the gallery stamped and whistled its approval. "Oh," said a teenage girl, shuffling up the aisle when it was all over, "I do wish the critics heard that." "Probably not," sighed her companion. "They always dash out before the applause."

If capturing the devotion of schoolgirls were all that was needed for stardom there is no doubt that John Neville would already be there.

For this young actor, whose Richard II must have set some sort of record in curtain calls, has taken Richard Burton's place as the pin-up boy of the Old Vic.

Handicap

Neville is at a loss to explain why Shakespeare should evoke the kind of fan response one usually associates with Johnny Ray at the Palladium. "I think there is even a John Neville fan club," he said, with a note of awe in his voice. "They embroider my name on skirts and sweaters and that sort of thing."

But this dewy-eyed admiration should not detract from the more solid achievements of Neville's acting career. He has tackled a testing and varied collection of Shakespearean roles,

and if he has not always won, he has at least drawn.

He was pleasingly romantic as Orlando in As You Like It; he was a robust, avenging Macduff in Macbeth; and in Henry IV he displayed his versatility by being a fiery Hotspur and a swaggeringly comic Pistol.

His most important part, Richard II, caught the tragic pity of the king's downfall but missed the ugly facets of this complex character. Villainy, indeed, is something Neville has still to conquer. His fragile features, his long, thin, good-looking face, tend to stifle hisses and bring out the mother-instinct in audiences. As Richard II he never looked more fatal than Ivor Novello about to crush a rose.

Neville himself is conscious of this handicap. That's why he would love to play Iago. "Most lags look so evil Othello would be a fool to trust them," he said, giving himself a sidelong glance in a mirror. "Not looking a conventional villain I think I could make their relationship more plausible."

It was not until three and a half years later—18 months were spent as a signaller in an old tanker in the Pacific—that Neville could think seriously again about the theatre. With his ex-Serviceman's grant he was able to pay his tuition fees

Old Vic PIN-UP? I'd just like to be in a MUSICAL

● The first report in a survey of some of the new personalities in the theatre.

by MILTON SHULMAN



at RADA while his parents looked after the rest.

After a year and a half at the Royal Academy Neville got his first professional job. Appropriately enough it was in Shakespeare—Midsummer Night's Dream at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre.

There followed two years of repertory work—at Lowestoft and Birmingham—doing the usual range of bread-and-butter plays from Wilde to Rattigan. But his real opportunity came with the Bristol Old Vic where, after three years, he was taking the lead in classics like Henry V and The Wild Duck.

Las year he was promoted to London's Old Vic where he was given parts that exploited his looks rather than his acting—Fortinbras in Hamlet; Orsino in Twelfth Night.

"I was a bit surprised when they asked me to do the bit role this year," he said. "He will be at the Old Vic for another year, when his roles will be even bigger."

Accidental

Actors these days have a disconcerting tendency to look like everyone else. Neville is no exception. Dressed in his brown suit, sweater, blue shirt and somewhat obvious tie, it is difficult to associate this reserved young man with the haughty, majestic manner he exudes on the stage. Selling insurance rather than wielding a sceptre would seem to be his line.

He lives in Barnet with his wife and three children and goes to work daily by Tube. Rehearsals and performances give him little opportunity for any social life, and gardening and music take up any spare time he has.

That Neville has made his reputation in Shakespeare is largely accidental. He just happened to be in companies where the Bard was being done. He has, for example, no great desire to play Hamlet, nor has he any particular views as to how it should be acted.

But he has one secret ambition. He would like to appear in an enormous British musical. Does he dance? No. Does he sing? A little. "I wouldn't like to end up as a musical comedy star, but it would be fun," he said, adding rather plaintively: "And there's so much more money in it."

A SHORT STORY TOLD BY—NATHANIEL GUBBINS

PLAIN little Miss Snarslake was just about to switch off the bedside lamp in her flat when the handsome young man opened the door quietly, said "Hullo, Beautiful," and sat on the end of her bed.

Miss Snarslake had often wondered what she would do if a burglar entered her room. Sometimes she had rehearsed the whole thing, hearing her voice, very calm and British, saying "Good evening" before she was gagged or chloroformed.

So she heard her shaky voice saying, "Good evening," and was surprised to hear the young man answer, "I have loved you so long, my darling."

A NEW APPROACH

THIS, thought Miss Snarslake, is an entirely new approach to the family jewels, and she almost giggled when she thought of family jewels and the burglar's disappointment. Her only family jewel was her grandmother's gold locket. All she said was:

"In my dressing-table drawer you will find £11 9s. 5d. and a gold locket. Will you please take them and go?"

"For weeks I have watched you, drinking in your beauty," said the young man. "I have followed you to your office, on foot and by bus, and followed you home at night. But I have never dared to call until now."

And a funny time to call, too, thought Miss Snarslake. She also thought, so that's the idea, is it? He knows where I work. He knows I'm paid on Friday. This is Friday, night, and he probably knows my week's wages, less National Insurance, are in the flat.

But what was this stuff about drinking in her beauty? Miss Snarslake was a sensible woman who knew nature had given her a good figure but little else. All

the same she wished she hadn't put so much night cream on her face.

BEAUTIFUL SPEECH

THE young man's next remark was quite astonishing. In a deep, thrilling voice he said: "If I could write the beauty of your eyes."

And in fresh numbers number all your graces, The age to come would say, 'This poet lies; Such heavenly touches ne'er touch'd earthly faces.'

Miss Snarslake thought this a very beautiful speech indeed. She had no idea it was a quotation from Shakespeare.

Her Aunt Florrie had always said she had the best eyes in the family, though this wasn't a great compliment, as her brothers and sisters all had little piggy eyes like their father.

Still, a very handsome young man had spoken of the beauty of her eyes, and she wished she hadn't wiped off the mascara.

"TAKE THEM & GO"

MISS SNARSLAKE looked again at the burglar's smooth black hair and well-shaped head.

Of course, he was quite young, no more than 27 perhaps, and Miss Snarslake was well-into her 40s. But you never know. Young men often preferred older, sensible women with good figures like hers, and holding down a good job with a pension.

Perhaps the poor boy was hard up and wanted security until he could make his own way in the world.

But the sensible side of Miss Snarslake's character told her not to jump to conclusions. So she said again in a quiet, calm voice:

"You will find the money and the locket in the drawer. Will you please take them and go?"

The young man said: "How silver-sweet sound lovers' tongues by night, Like softest music to attending ears!"

So he liked her voice, too. That was another thing her Aunt Florrie had said about her. Don't worry about your nose, dear, her aunt had said. If you study the beauty columns you can always touch it up with a bit of the right powder so that it won't notice.

You have nice eyes, a pretty figure, and a really sweet voice. All the same Miss Snarslake thought he was a bit bold to talk about them being lovely already. The young man's next remark was:

"From fairest creatures we desire increase, That thereby beauty's rose might never die."

Well, thought Miss Snarslake, that's a bit much. Talking about babies before they really knew each other. But, of course, young people of today were like that. Straight to the point and no messing about.

She wished now that she was wearing her new peach rayon nightdress instead of her old nylon.

The young man moved further up the bed, his glowing eyes opening wider and looking straight into hers.

Oh, ho, thought Miss Snarslake. This is where I should scream or jump out of bed and lock myself in the kitchenette.

HAD STRONG HANDS

BUT she didn't scream or jump out of bed. She just stared back at him. And looking at his handsome face, she thought, well... perhaps. Nobody cares what I do. And after all, when you think of the things that do go on, with nobody bothering...

The young man said: "Beauty too rich for use, for earth too dear."

"Beauty too rich for use," thought Miss Snarslake. That's what I suppose getting the brush-off. Perhaps it's just as well, then, I'll know each other's names at least.

The young man said: "Sweet good-night! The bud of love, by summer's ripening breath, May prove a beauteous flower when next we meet."

"Sweet good-night," and "When next we meet." So he's a gentleman after all, thought Miss Snarslake. He's saying good-night for now and then we're going to meet again and talk things over.

The young man moved further up the bed, and for the first time Miss Snarslake noticed his hands. They looked lean but immensely strong. "I blessed thee ere I killed thee," said the young man.

"Fardon?" asked Miss Snarslake. "Yet I should kill thee with much cherishing," said the young man, reaching for her throat.

SHAKESPEARE

THE door burst open and two men in uniform rushed into the room. Even at that moment Miss Snarslake noticed they were not policemen.

They grabbed the young man by the arms and hauled him off the bed.

"Just in time!" said the first man in uniform. "It was just as we tracked him down here," said the second to Miss Snarslake, "you'd have been victim No. 3."

"Was he really Shakespeare?" the first man asked. "I don't know," said Miss Snarslake.

"He always recites Shakespeare before he gets the strangling fit on him," said the second. "He plays Romeo in the Broadmoor theatricalls on account of him being such a pretty boy."

"Well, good-night, miss," said the first man. "You can count yourself lucky."

"Yes," said Miss Snarslake. "I suppose I can. Very lucky. Good-night. And thank you."

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POCKET CARTOON

By OSBERT LANCASTER



"Good afternoon. In view of the recent Foreign Office announcement, H.M. Inspector is very anxious to have your co-operation in enabling him to draw up an additional assessment of Messrs. Burgess and Maclean's liabilities under Schedule E for the years 1934-1951..."

SUBTLE RUSSIAN MOVE

From Sefton Delmer

RUSSIA'S solemnly signed agreement with the Finns handing them back the naval base of Porkkala on the Gulf of Finland is subtle diplomacy indeed.

Under the treaty which defeated Finland had to sign in 1947 Porkkala was to have formed a Soviet enclave on Finnish soil until 1997. Now the Russians are getting out within three months of the treaty coming into force.

They are withdrawing all their troops and equipment and all they receive in return is a freshening up of the 1948 treaty and its prolongation for twenty years.

It is a smart move by the Soviet authorities and is the first shot in a big diplomatic offensive aimed to turn the whole of Scandinavia into a neutral area and winkle Norway and Denmark out of NATO. And, anyway, it calls on the West to make a retreat from some of her bases nearest Russia.

SORE POINT

A lot has been put into this offensive already. The Swedish and Norwegian Prime Ministers have both been invited to Moscow and have accepted.

And now this freeing of Porkkala. Porkkala has long been a sore point not only with the Finns but with all Finland's Scandinavian neighbours.

The entire area is about 60 square miles and has been surrounded with an impenetrable security belt. Finnish trains passing through on their way from Helsinki to the main port of Hangö were delayed for hours while Soviet locomotives, engine drivers and Soviet train personnel took over from the Finns.

Special M. V. D. security troops occupied the soiled carriages to make sure no one got off the train or on in transit through the Porkkala enclave.

Until quite recently all windows were shuttered so that no one should be able to look out, but that was relaxed.

Yes, this freeing of Porkkala is the northern end of the same policy to create a neutral belt along the NATO border which found its first implementation in the withdrawal from Austria and the Khrushchev visit to Yugoslavia.

Porkkala is not the first place to be evacuated by Soviet troops. They have already given up Port Arthur to the Chinese. But the Chinese, unlike the Finns, have a purely Communist Government.

FULL SOVEREIGNTY

Some reports say that in the conversations now going on with the Red East German Government the Russians intend to make a permanent Soviet base of the island of Ruegen at the mouth of the Baltic. But none of that has yet been revealed in the published reports of the negotiations.

All that is known officially is that the Soviet Government are copying the procedure of the Western Allies in Western Germany and have handed back full sovereignty to the East German Government, turned their High Commissioners into an ambassador and abolished all the old Communist laws. This gives the Communist East German exactly the same kind of status as enjoyed by the Adenauer Government.



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